

Courage in Warfare.

There can be little doubt but that the character of modern warfare and modern weapons develops the highest types of personal courage. The terrible destructiveness of the quick-fire Maxim guns, the long and deadly range of the newest rifle, and the devastation of the torpedo, all call for a moral courage which was unnecessary in the days of fierce hand-to-hand conflict.

The courage required to coolly work machine guns amidst a hurricane of bullets, or to dash across an uncovered tract of country where every inch is ploughed with shot, and the mathematical possibilities of escape are infinitesimal, is of a much higher type than that requisite in a hand-to-hand struggle with knife or spear, sword or lance.

The first calls for moral courage, the secondly only animal courage. When the lust of fight and the heat of battle makes man's blood run riot, he will struggle with his fellow man with all the pluck that is in his nature. Two dogs will do virtually the same. Seize one of the dogs, he will turn on you pluckily. Stone him, the probability is that he bolts.

Corean Paper.

The statement is made by a writer in the *Apotheker Zeitung* that a remarkable kind of paper is produced in Corea entirely by manual labor and without the use of machinery. Its quality excels that of the very best made in China or Japan. The raw material used for this paper is obtained from the bark of *Broussonetia papyrifera*, which is collected in the spring and beaten in water containing a large admixture of wood ashes, until reduced to thick pulp; this is taken in large ladles and spread upon frames of bamboo, and in this way formed into thin sheets. Another kind of paper is produced from old scraps trodden into pulp, much in the same way that grape juice is expressed in some countries—a process of pulping which, though slow, has the advantage of not breaking the fiber so much as when machinery is used; then, after the pulp has been made into paper, the sheets are piled up to the height of six feet and cut into pieces, to be again subjected to the feet stamping—at the same time the roots and seeds of a plant called "tackpou" are added, the soluble parts of which are supposed to give tenacity and toughness to the paper.

"Who knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is a fool—shun him," says a well-known Arabian proverb. "Who knows not, and knows that he knows not, is humble—teach him. Who knows, but knows not that he knows, is asleep—wake him. Who knows, and knows that he knows, is wise—follow him.

In the good old times a Persian girl who owned a little property—a hut or a fishing boat—was thereby legally authorized to pick out a husband herself. If she wished to commence her hunt for a husband, she would hang up her blue apron in front of the door of her house, and post herself behind it. The young men of the village would then pass by the apron one by one in a long procession, and dressed up in their best Sunday clothes. As soon as the right one appeared the girl would rush out, throw her arms around his neck, and within three weeks there was a wedding.

Velvet.

Velvet is manufactured by placing in the loom rows of very short threads of the material designed to be employed, whether cotton or silk. These are then caught up by the cross threads in the weaving and fastened in such a way that the fleecy ends present themselves all on one side of the fabric. The manufacture of velvet is so slow that for a hand weaver a yard is considered a good day's work. The machine made velvet is of course turned out much more rapidly.

Pistols and Pestles.

The duelling pistol now occupies its proper place, in the museum of the collector of relics of barbarism. The pistol ought to have beside it the pestle that turned out pills like bullets, to be shot like bullets at the target of the liver. But the pestle is still in evidence, and will be, probably, until everybody has tested the virtue of Ayer's sugar coated pills. They treat the liver as a friend, not as an enemy. Instead of driving it, they coax it. They are compounded on the theory that the liver does its work thoroughly and faithfully under obstructing conditions, and if the obstructions are removed, the liver will do its daily duty. When your liver wants help, get "the pill that will."

Ayer's Cathartic Pills.

Fulton's First Fare and Passenger.

There was one little incident in Robert Fulton's life about which few people know and which Fulton never forgot. It took place shortly before the return trip of his famous boat's voyage by steam up the Hudson river. At the time all Albany flocked to the wharf, says Harper's Round Table, which relates the story, to see the strange craft, but so timorous were they that few dared to board her. One gentleman, however, not only boarded her, but sought out Fulton, whom he found in the cabin, and the following conversation took place:

"This is Mr. Fulton, I presume?"

"Yes, sir."

"Do you return to New York with this boat?"

"We shall try to get back, sir."

"Have you any objection to my returning with you?"

"If you wish to take the chances with us, sir, I have no objection."

"What is the fare?"

After a moment's hesitation, Fulton replied, "Six dollars." And when that amount was laid in his hand he gazed at it a long time, and two big tears rolled down his cheeks. Turning to the passenger, he said,—

"Excuse me, sir, but this is the first pecuniary reward I have received for all my exertion in adapting steam to navigation. I would gladly commemorate the occasion with a little dinner, but I am too poor now even for that. If we meet again, I trust it will not be the case."

As history relates the voyage terminated successfully. Four years later Fulton was sitting in the cabin of the *Clermont*, then called the *North River*, when a gentleman entered. Fulton glanced at him, and then sprang up and gladly shook his hand. It was his first passenger, and over a pleasant little dinner Fulton entertained his guest with the history of his success, and ended with saying that the first actual recognition of his usefulness to his fellow-men was the \$6 paid to him by his first passenger.

Frivolous Objections.

"I make a point of reading the various articles written on the subject of marriage," said Minerva, "and they always set me wondering what manner of people they must be who look no further for their authority than the frivolous gossip of the day, who never take the trouble to go down into the heart of nature and the impulses that govern humanity, to find out why things are. Now somebody comes forward and publishes statistics of marriage in the various cities, and bewails the fact that the proportion is in some places much greater than in others. Then they sigh and mourn over it, and really fall to wondering what we all are coming to. Why don't these people stop a moment and think that as long as there are young hearts, moonlight nights, shady corners, and lovers' retreats, just so long will there be marriages, and plenty of them? The prospect of a little home of one's own is just as alluring as it ever was, and everything taken into consideration, it is not much more difficult to maintain a family now than it used to be. There are always foes to fight, contingencies to provide against, always chances of disappointments; but in the main the sweet old story gets told with quite as much sentiment as ever, the good-bys are just as hard to say, the welcome just as warm, and it seems to me that people might be a great deal better employed than in worrying over the decadence of matrimony.

Nothing is more healthfully stimulating than a genuine love for the pursuit in which one is engaged. Every gain in it is a fresh excitement. Each new method adopted, each new experiment tried, each new tool tested, each new discovery made, is a means of present delight and spur to future effort. But he who drags along an uninteresting succession of days, in which his work is only a compelled drudgery, is deprived alike of incentive and pleasure.

OUR BUDGET OF HUMOR.

LAUGHTER-PROVOKING STORIES FOR LOVERS OF FUN.

In Error—Assumed a Disguise—They Had Been in Battle—The Vernacular—Dressing Him Down—Paradoxical—An Advantage—A Burning Question, Etc.

He could not see the coming blight. Knew not how soon he'd be bereft; But said, "You love me; am I right?" Low answered she, "No, sir; you're left!" —Judge

He Wouldn't Do a Thing to It.

Josh—"They say all kinds of diseases come from microbes nowadays." Hiram—"I wish I had a hold of the microbe that started off my rheumatiz."

Assumed a Disguise.

Reporter—"You didn't catch the thief?" Sheriff—"No; he changed his name ten miles back and threw me off the track." —Judge.

The Vernacular.

"Don't you think he puts on too much side?" "Yes, and a good deal of front; but I don't think it has any backing." —Indianapolis Journal.

The Supply Exhausted.

The Old Fisherman—"Don't seem to be any fish around here."

The Cynic—"Shouldn't suppose there were; everybody in this region has caught so many."

The Orthodox Thing.

Papa—"And did you think for one moment that that clerk of mine was in a position to propose to you?"

Daughter—"Why, certainly, Papa! He was on his knees."

They Had Been in Battle.

First Old Soldier—"There's something familiar about that woman's face."

Second Old Soldier—"That's so. I guess it's the powder." —Puck.

Their First Breakfast.

Mr. Youngwed—"Darling, this egg seems to be pretty well cooked."

Mrs. Youngwed (delighted) "I thought so. Why, dearest, I boiled it for over half an hour." —Judge.

Paradoxical.

Sudds—"The circus poster is a paradoxical work of art."

Spatts—"Well?"

Sudds—"It is decided in its views, and yet you'll find it on the fence." —Judge.

A Privileged Pair.

Hojack—"Silence is golden, I believe!"

Tomdick—"So they say."

Hojack—"Then the nuptials of a deaf mute couple might be called a golden wedding." —Detroit Free Press.

Dressing Him Down.

"I believe you'd stand before a mirror all day," said Mr. Closely snappishly, "doing nothing but change your dresses."

"Perhaps I would," replied Mrs. Closely, dreamily, "if I had the dresses." —Judge.

An Advantage.

"I envy her complexion," said Maud.

"But she freckles and tans so easily!" replied Mamie.

"That's just it. She can go to the seashore for a few days, and at the end of the season look exactly as if she had been away all summer." —Washington Star.

A Burning Question.

"And what is to be the subject of lecture to-morrow night, Professor?"

"Well, my dear young lady, I can hardly hope it will have much interest for you. I shall lecture on 'sun-spots.'"

"Oh, but that's of the greatest interest to me. I shall certainly come. You've no idea how I suffer from freckles." —Punch.

Economy and Morals.

Wife—"John, don't you think you better give up trying to shave yourself and go back to the barber?"

Husband—"Why, of course not. See how much I save every month."

Wife—"Yes, I know that, but then Willie is always around when you shave, and he is learning so many bad words." —Ohio State Journal.

A Biased Honeymoon.

The Groom (as he recovers sensibility)—"Where am I?"

The Bride—"Hush, darling! you met with an accident as we got in the hack."

The Groom—"Horse kick me?"

The Bride—"N-n-o, darling! Pa threw an old boot after you, and in his excitement forgot his wooden leg was in it." —Judge.

The Coroner and the Expert.

A bridge had collapsed. The train upon it had gone down into the chasm. The Coroner's jury was endeavoring to fix the responsibility. A famous expert was on the witness stand.

"Sir," said the Coroner, with considerable deference, "to what do you attribute the collapse of the structure?"

The great expert deliberated. "Wait," he said.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Bear That Lives in Water.

Next time you have a chance put some water from the edge of a standing pond under a high-power microscope, and perhaps you will see that most interesting little organism known as the water bear. It is a diminutive animal, often found in drinking water, and looks very much like a bear. The extraordinary thing, however, about this tiny creature is that he is found in the gutters of houses, where he is at one time dry as dust and scorched by the blazing sun, at another active and full of life under a refreshing shower of rain.

The water bear has the scientific name of *tardigrada*, because he takes life so easy. He is always fat and plump, and spends his waking periods in constantly grubbing with his four pairs of legs among whatever rubbish comes in his way. Having eyes, brain and a nervous system, he is much ahead of most of his tribe, and he is altogether one of the most interesting and amusing little animals known to science.

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Yukon and Klondike Gold Fields.

Parties intending to visit the Klondike Gold Fields or invest in stock companies operating in that country, are advised to get the Canadian Government Alaskan Boundary Commission, Prof. Ogilvie's Report on the Yukon and Klondike Gold Fields, before doing so. This is the official report made last spring which so astounded the Canadian Government that they did not publish it till Prof. Ogilvie confirmed it personally on his arrival in Ottawa. The report is very extensive, abounding in photographs and maps and giving the most reliable information as to routes, climate, and the indescribable wealth awaiting the miners. Sent postage paid, on receipt of 50c. in stamps, by the Toronto Newspaper Union Publishers, 44 Bay St., Toronto, Canada.

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